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Hydrogeology of the Kaklık (Denizli) Aquifer in Turkey

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to determine the hydrogeological properties of aquifers, groundwater potential, and hydraulic properties of the Denizli-Kaklık aquifer. The Kaklık aquifer is located at the upper part of the Çuruksu basin covering 1 234 km² drainage area and is recharged from 3 subbasins; the Yokuşbaşı subbasin (60 km²), the Emirçay subbasin (300 km²) and the Alikurt subbasin (180 km²). Annual precipitation is about 260.4x10⁶ m³/year, evaporation is 183.6 x 10⁶ m³/year, streamflow is 45.57x10⁶ m³/year, discharge from the irrigational wells is 3.3 x 10⁶ m³/year and residual of 27.93 x 10⁶ m³/year is groundwater reserve. The main aquifers are Çökelez Limestone, Sazak formation and Alluvium. The Çökelez Limestone and Sazak formation are karstic aquifers. Malıdağ fm, İnceler fm, Karadere fm and Bayıralan formation are impermeable rocks. The Kızılburun formation is semi-permeable aquifer. Alluvial fan and alluvium are the permeable clastic aquifer. Thickness of aquifer at Yokuşbaşı region varies between 10 to 60 m. Transmissivity contours range between 10 and 24,885 m²/day and hydraulic conductivity contours range between 0 and 120 m/day in Kaklık Aquifer. The water table fluctuations show a decrease of 4 m from 1995 (32 m) to 2003 (36 m). Water table of 42720 wells show an increase from year 1997 to year 2004. Potentiometric surface maps for the years 2008 were constructed for the Kaklık aquifer and it shows the directions of groundwater flow. Potentiometric surface varies from 630 m at Alikurt (east) to 380 m OSM (west) in the flowpath of 20 km. Hydraulic gradient is about $h = 0,0125$. Flow directions generally incline from east to west.

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1. Introduction

Kaklık-Denizli semi-karstic aquifer system is located at the intersection point of the Menderes and Gediz graben system in the western part of Turkey. There are eight small catchments in the Upper Çuruksu basin, which are the

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Çaykavuştu (1), Emirçay (2), Alikurt (3), Yokuşbaşı (4), Çökelez (5), Plain (6), Bulancık (7) and Sarıçay (8) subbasins (Figure 1). Drainage areas of these subbasins are in order; 200 km², 300 km², 180 km², 60 km², 32 km², 30 km², 190 km² and 234 km² (Table 1). There are 22 springs emerging between the altitude of 315 and 600 m in the upper Çuruksu basin. Largest springs emerge from karstic limestone and the travertine aquifer. The annual average discharge of 21 karst springs in the Çuruksu basin is of 5.2 m³/s. The total annual discharge of these springs is the 163.8 x 10⁶ m³/year.

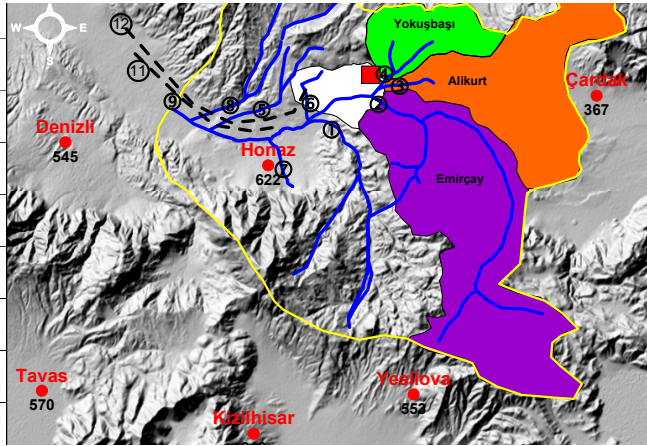


Fig. 1. Location map of Kaklık aquifer and subbasins.

Table 1. Streams, drainage areas, and flows.

Streams	Drainage area [km ²]	Flows [m ³ /s]	Annual total flows [10 ⁶ m ³]
1. Kocaçay	220	0.35	11
2. Emirçay	300	0.20	6,3
3. Alikurt Deresi	180	0.03	0.94
7. Bulancık Çayı	190	0.44	13.9
8. Sarıçay	234	0.23	7.24
9. Çürüksu (Böceli Reg.)	1234	3.20	100,8
10. Tekdurmaz Channel	-	0.75	23.62
11. Kırarki Channel	-	0.50	15.7

Table 2. Hydraulic data of Irrigation cooperatives (DSI, 2008).

No.	Sub-basin	Unit Name	Irrigation land	Wells	Flow rate	Quantity	Motopump working time	Equipment reserve
				[m]	[l/s]	[m]	hours/year	10 ⁴ m ³ /year
64	7-15	KAKLIK	1500	5	150	750	2274	1.227
65	7-15	SAPACA	2500	4	160	276	2348	1.352
66	7-15	YOKUŞBAŞI	1200	5	75	655	2461	0.664
		TOTAL	5200	14	385	1681	7083	3.243
67	7-15	KALKINMA KOOP.	250	1	25	80	2136	0.192
68	7-15	KARATEKE	1250	2	140	278	1944	0.980
69	7-15	KIZILYER (I)	3000	5	300	750	2631	2.841
70	7-15	KIZILYER (II)	2845	6	300	780	1996	2.037
71	7-15	KIZILYER (III)	850	2	100	250	2014	0.725
72	7-15	MENTEŞ (I)	3400	6	340	1100	2375	2.907
73	7-15	MENTEŞ (II)	500	2	60	400	1936	0.418
74	7-15	MERKEZ	3100	6	276	600	2441	2.425
75	7-15	OVACIK	1250	2	140	256	1944	0.980
		TOTAL	21645	46	2006	6175	26390	16.748

There are about 46 wells, which were drilled by DSI in the Kaklık aquifer up to 2008 year. The depth of the wells changes between 50 m to 200 m. There are 12 irrigation cooperatives in the Çuruksu basin (Tab. 2). The number of productive wells, which are used to irrigation of 21 645 (De) land is about 46. Motopumps are working 26,390 hours/year. The allocation reserve of all irrigation cooperatives is 16.75 x 10⁶ m³/year. The allocation reserve is in total 3.3 x 10⁶ m³/year for the Kaklık, Yokuşbaşı and Alikurt cooperatives.

The study area is between the Çardak (950 m asl) and Denizli (428 m asl) rain gage stations. The average annual precipitation values between 1975-2008 years are in order 364.44 mm for Çardak and 555 mm for Denizli. The study area is located on the average 500 mm precipitation level on the normal distribution map of total annual precipitation for Turkey (DMİ, 2008). A simple hydrological water budget method was applied to the basins. This method can be expressed as: $P = ET + Sr + (GDW + GDS + GRSV)$ (Fetter, 2004).

The Kaklık aquifer is located at upper part of the Çuruksu basin (5) covering 1 243 km² drainage area and is recharged from 3 subbasins: the Yokuşbaşı subbasin (60 km²), Emirçay subbasin (300 km²) and Alikurt subbasin

(180 km²) (Table 3). These three subbasins have a total drainage area of 540 km². The annual precipitation is about 260.4x10⁶ m³/year, evaporation is 183.6x10⁶ m³/year, stream flow is 45.57x10⁶ m³/year, discharge from the irrigational wells is 3.2 x 10⁶ m³/year and residual of 27.93 x 10⁶ m³/year is groundwater reserve. According to DSI record, there were about 30 wells in Kaklık (Upper Curuksu aquifer) at the year 1990. However, the number of wells has increased to 46 productive wells. There are 12 irrigation cooperatives in Kaklık aquifer. The irrigation land, number of wells, flows, and quantities, motopump working time, assignment reserve, and total extraction are given in Table 4. Based on this table, there are 46 wells, 21,645 km² of irrigation land, 16 748x10⁶ m³/year assignment reserve and total extraction 4 652x10⁹ m³/year.

Table 3. Water budget estimation of the subbasins.

Estimations and basins	Units	Yokuşbaşı basin (1)	Emirçay basin (2)	Alikurt Basin (3)	Yokuşbaşı Emirçay Alikurt (4)	Cürüksu basin (5) (Böceli)
1- Drainage area (A)	(km ²)	60.00	300.00	180.00	540.00	1243.00
2- Precipitation- (P) isohyetal method	(mm)	450.00	440.00	435.00	440.00	440.00
3- Precipitation (P)	(x10 ⁶ m ³)	27.00	132.00	78.30	237.30	546.92
4- Stream flow (S _R)	(m ³ /s)	0.16	0.80	0.47	1.43	3.18
5- Stream flow	(x10 ⁶ m ³)	5.15	25.20	14.95	45.30	100.80
6- Evapotranspiration (ET Thorthwait)	(mm)	340.00	340.00	340.00	340.00	340.00
7- Evapotranspiration (ET)	(x10 ⁶ m ³)	20.40	61.20	61.20	183.60	422.62
8- Groundwater discharge from wells G _{DW}	(x10 m ³)	0.70	1.20	1.20	3.30	16.75
10- Groundwater discharge from springs G _{DW}	(x10 m ³)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
11- Groundwater Reserve G _{RSW}	(m ³ /s)	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.16	0.21
12- Groundwater Reserve G _{RSW}	(x10 m ³)	0.75	0.95	0.95	5.10	6.75
13- (Stream flow/ Precipitation) ratio	(%)	19.09	19.09	19.09	19.09	18.43
14- (Evaporation/ Precipitation) ratio	(%)	75.56	78.16	78.16	77.37	77.27
15- (Groundwater/ Precipitation) ratio	(%)	5.35	2.75	2.75	3.54	3.61
16- Demand of E. ON from the G _{RSW}	(m ³ /s)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01
17- Demand of E. ON from the G _{RSW}	(10 ⁶ m ³)	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.95	0.32
18- Infiltration to the GW Reserve	(x10 ⁶ m ³)	0.43	0.64	0.64	4.15	6.43

Table 1. Production wells in Kaklık aquifer.

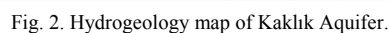
Sub-basin	Cooperatives	Irrigation land (De)	Wells (number)	Flows (liter/sec)	Meters (m)	Motopump working time (hours/year)	Assign. Reserve (10 ⁶ m ³ / year)	Total Extraction (10 ⁶ m ³ / year)
7-15	DENİZLİ - HONAZ- KAKLIK	1500	5	150	750	2274	1.227	341100
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- KALKINMA KO	250	1	25	80	2136	0.192	53400
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- KARATEKE	1250	2	140	278	1944	0.980	272160
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- KIZILYER (I)	3000	5	300	750	2631	2.841	789300
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- KIZILYER (II)	2845	6	300	780	1886	2.037	565800
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- KIZILYER (III)	850	2	100	250	2014	0.725	201400
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- MENTEŞ (I)	3400	6	340	1100	2375	2.907	807500
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- MENTEŞ (II)	500	2	60	400	1936	0.418	116160
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- MERKEZ	3100	6	276	600	2441	2.425	673716
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- OVACIK	1250	2	140	256	1944	0.980	272160
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- SAPACA	2500	4	160	276	2348	1.352	375680
7-15	DENİZLİ – HONAZ- YOKUŞBAŞ	1200	5	75	655	2461	0.664	184575
	Totally	21645	46	2066	6175	26390	16.748	4 652 951

2. Results and discussions

2.1. Kaklık aquifer

The hydrogeological structure of the Denizli-Kaklık groundwater system is largely controlled by the Miocene graben faults (Fig. 2). The primary aquifer rock in the field is the Çökelez Limestone having a secondary permeability represented by a network of joints, fractures, faults and karstic features because of Plio-Quaternary tectonic activities. The Malıdağ formation spreads in a limited area in north and consists of sandstone and shale.

HYDROGEOLOGY MAP OF KAKLIK (M 22-b1,b2,b3,b4)



There are big and important lithological differences (about 200 m) between 34291 and 34220 in Figure 2 and Figure 3. These differences must be because of big graben faults in the system. These two faults zones are the border of good quality of groundwater at the same time.

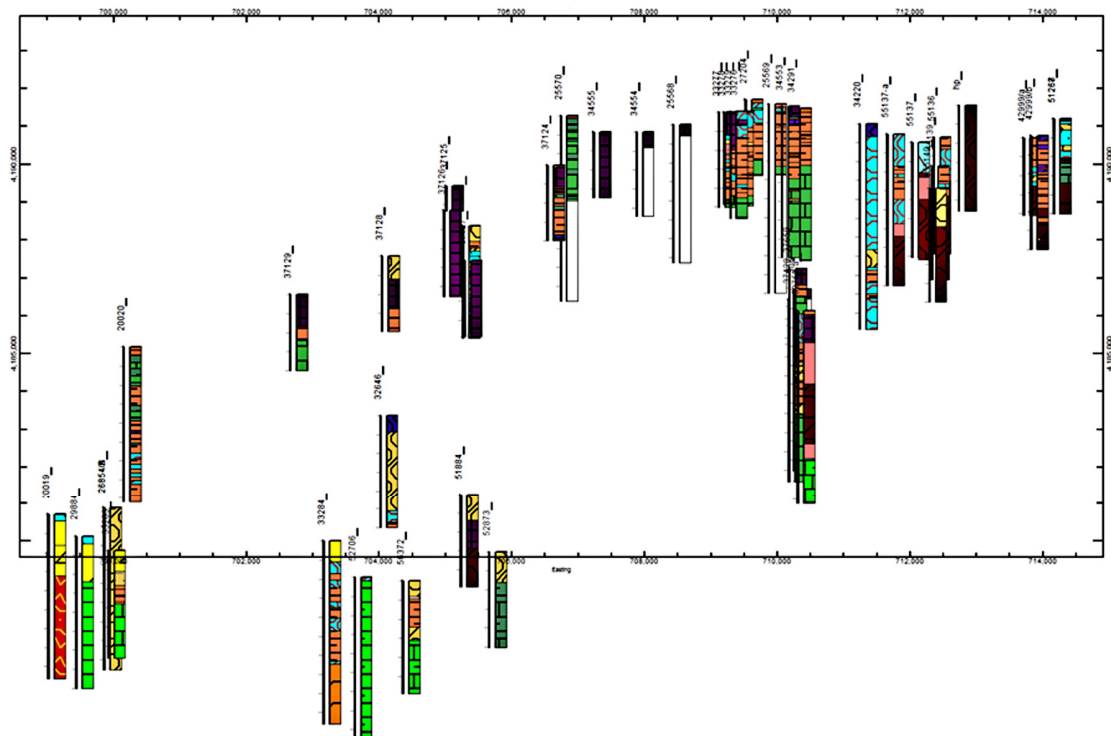


Fig. 1. Well's logs in the Kaklık aquifer and important two graben faults.

Table 5. Aquifer hydraulic parameters (T, S, Kf) estimated by Aqtesolv version 4.5.

wells	T	S	b	K	L	dl	h	r	\sqrt{Kf}	v max	Q max	R	Qg
	Transmissivity m ² /day T=Kxb	Storage Coefficient	Aquifer Thickness (m)	Hydraulic Conductivity (m/day)	Well depth (m)	Dynamic level Aq.top (m)	Dynamic level Aq.bot. (m)	Radius of well (m)	Hydraulic Conductivity (m/day)	Maximum Velocity m/s	Max. Long Term Discharge	Influence Radius (m)	General Discharge (m ³ /day)
53114	68.93	1.6E-05	117.8	0.59	150	39.1	110.9	0.23	0.76	0.05	8.17	15879	261
51884	44.18	3.8E-08	100	0.44	122	55.7	66.3	0.23	0.66	0.04	4.24	67199	618
52706	61.94	4.6E-06	203.7	0.30	212	46.35	165.65	0.23	0.55	0.04	8.80	62976	1072
527588	764	5.9E-08	256	2.98	256	24.8	231.2	0.23	1.73	0.12	38.46	128529	8556
551378	145.5	3.9E-08	183.8	0.79	200	46.3	153.7	0.23	0.89	0.06	13.17	80343	1978
55136	74.13	4.6E-06	115.7	0.64	154	44.88	109.12	0.23	0.80	0.05	8.41	15847	268
55140	27.36	2.9E-06	105.9	0.26	130	60	70	0.23	0.51	0.03	3.43	54679	413
55139	32.73	2.9E-06	95.71	0.34	150	64.52	85.48	0.23	0.58	0.04	4.81	17947	177
52873	17.57	5.9E-08	103.8	0.17	126	28.8	97.2	0.23	0.41	0.03	3.85	8098	67
52759	41.89	7.3E-07	103.1	0.41	125	31.6	93.4	0.23	0.64	0.04	5.73	18549	215
53209	444.5	2.2E-08	132	3.37	150	31.45	118.55	0.23	1.84	0.12	20.95	74044	2810
51883	34.32	1.1E-05	121.1	0.28	140	45.55	94.45	0.23	0.53	0.04	4.84	42562	421
57022	939.8	5.8E-08	142.7	6.59	150	18.3	131.7	0.23	2.57	0.17	32.55	84688	4870
52198	7.849	5.9E-08	90	0.09	150	87.44	62.56	0.23	0.30	0.02	1.78	24310	99
56372	72.29	5.7E-08	71.48	1.01	148	96.7	51.3	0.23	1.01	0.07	4.97	60882	630
48775	102.9	2.2E-08	103.8	0.99	150	62.75	87.25	0.23	1.00	0.07	8.37	49434	802
51332	987.9	8.5E-08	97.84	10.10	110	15.32	94.68	0.23	3.18	0.21	28.97	30124	1637
51331	10.57	5.9E-08	96.87	0.11	110	14.64	95.36	0.23	0.33	0.02	3.03	1496	11
37128	3450	DSI	81.77	42.19	80	30	50	0.23	6.50	0.43	31.27	619086	37459
37129	1200	DSI	79.3	15.13	82	20	62	0.23	3.89	0.26	23.22	201893	8487
37658	1000	DSI	123.8	8.08	123.8	40	83.8	0.23	2.84	0.19	22.93	341052	14822
20020	9900	DSI	197.6	50.09	197.6	55	142.64	0.23	7.08	0.47	97.21	1167788	190649
25568	21000	DSI	178.6	117.56	178.6	45	133.63	0.23	10.84	0.72	139.52	1463748	331101
25569	14000	DSI	249.3	56.16	249.3	30	219.3	0.23	7.49	0.50	158.25	674443	166466
30691	1500	DSI	294.6	5.09	294.6	24	270.6	0.23	2.26	0.15	58.80	162466	16103
37124	5600	DSI	99.8	56.11	99.8	36	63.8	0.23	7.49	0.50	46.02	809007	68844
37125-b	800	DSI	17.77	45.02	17.77	10	7.77	0.23	6.71	0.45	5.02	201290	2639
20275	24885	DSI	238.4	104.38	238.4	25	213.4	0.23	10.22	0.68	209.95	766261	246495
26854-b	150	DSI	134.6	1.11	134.6	26	108.6	0.23	1.06	0.07	11.04	82341	1730
32648	145	DSI	149.4	0.97	149.4	40	109.4	0.23	0.99	0.07	10.38	118220	2399
32646	540	DSI	134.5	4.01	134.5	52	82.5	0.23	2.00	0.13	15.92	312579	10073
33283	115	DSI	114.8	1.00	114.8	15	99.8	0.23	1.00	0.07	9.62	45039	831

between 133 and 267,300 m²/day. Transmissivity contour map shows highest values wells of 25568, 33279, 33276, 33277 and 33278 near Kaklık Cave. These very high transmissivity values are the result of karstification in Çökelez Limestone, travertine and limestone layers of the Sazak formation and junction of graben fault systems at this region. At the Kaklık aquifer, transmissivity contours range between 10 and 24,885 m²/day.

Based on the estimated hydraulic parameter as shown in Table 5 were drawn Hydraulic conductivity contours as m/day in Figure 5 by using kriging method. Hydraulic conductivity values range between 0 and 120 m/day. Hydraulic conductivity contour map shows highest values wells of 25568, 33279, 33276, 33277 and 33278 in vicinity of Kaklık Cave. These very high Hydraulic conductivity values is a result of Karstification in Çökelez Limestone, travertine and limestone layers of Sazak formation, and junction of graben fault systems at this region.

The storage coefficient (S) is defined as the volume of water that an aquifer releases from or takes into storage per unit surface area of the aquifer per unit change in head. Distribution map of Storage coefficient (S) of Kaklık aquifer was given in Table 5 and figure 6. The storage coefficient varies between 2×10^{-7} and 4.6×10^{-6} . Highest storage coefficient is in the alluvium aquifers at the Menteş area. The rate of movement of groundwater is important in many problems, particularly those related to pollution. For example, if a harmful substance is introduced into an aquifer upgradient from a supply well, it becomes a matter of great urgency to estimate when substance will reach the well. The Maximum Velocity of movement of groundwater is calculated by using Sichardt (2000) method; $V_{max} = K_f/15 = \text{m/sec}$. Estimated V_{max} values of groundwater in kaklık aquifer changes between 0-0.0026 m/sec (Table 5 and Figure 7).

The maximum long-term discharges, Q_{max} (m³/sec) is expressed as $Q_{max} = 2\pi r h K_f/15$, where: - r, is the radius of well, h is dynamic water level, and K_f is hydraulic conductivity.

The maximum long-term discharges, Q_{max} is estimated in Table 5 and is shown in Figure 8. Q_{max} values vary between 0 and 0.75 m³/sec. The radius of influence of wells is estimated by using Sichardt method from the equation of $R = 3000 (b-h) K_f = \text{meter}$. Radius of influence of wells in Kaklık aquifer is estimated in Table 1 and is shown in Figure 8. Radius of influence of wells located at north of the Kaklık aquifer is about bigger than 1 or 2 km.

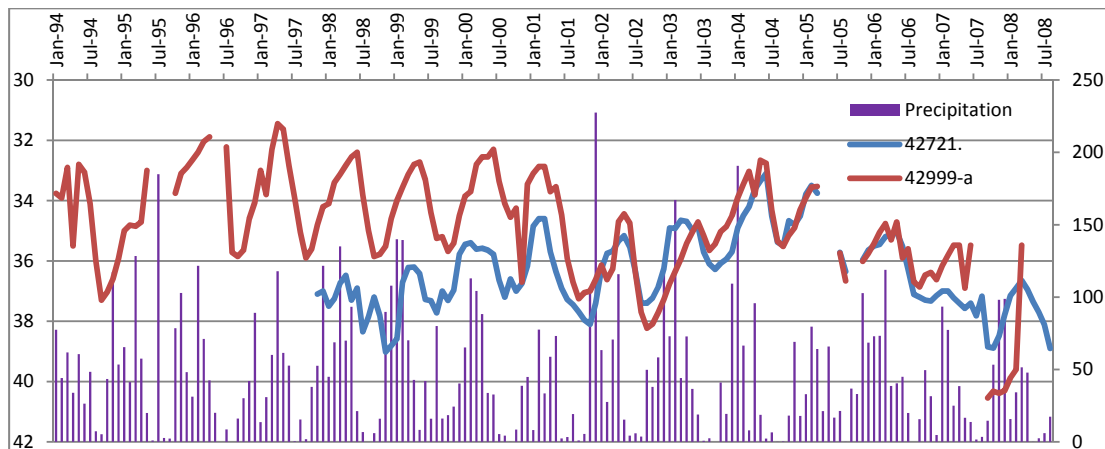


Fig. 8. Water table fluctuating in 42721 and 42999a from 1994 to 2008.

2.2. Groundwater

Kaklık aquifer in the upper Curuksu regions were drilled at least 69 deep wells by DSI. The groundwater observations were realized only 4 well by DSI. These wells are 46978/A, 42999/A, 37628, and 37269. The long-term water level observations has been realized for the only 4 wells (42721, 42999a, 45192 and 42720) by DSI from 1994 year to 2008 year (Fig. 10). According to these data, the water table shows a decreasing of 4 m from 1995 (32 m) to 2003 (36 m) year. Water table in well of 42999a increases from 2003 to 2005 and decrease from 2005 to 2008 year again. The 42 721 wells show an increasing trend from 1998 to 2004 year and a decreasing trend from 2004 to 2008. However, the water table of 45192 shows a fluctuating of 1.5 m from 0.5 m to 2 m between years 1994- 2001. Water table of 42720 well shows an increasing from 1997 to 2004.

